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SUBJ: TURKISH AVIATION INDUSTRY

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1. SUMMARY: RECENT STATEMENTS BY CHIEF, TURKISH AIR FORCE (TAF), GENERAL EMIN ALPKAYA, AS REPORTED BY PRESS, INDICATE TAF CONTINUES STRONGLY SUPPORT CREATION OF DOMESTIC AVIATION INDUSTRY. THERE IS STILL NO DEFINITIVE INDICATION THAT GOT HAS MADE DECISION ON DOMESTIC PRODUCTION.END SUMMARY

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT IN JUNE 12 ISTANBUL MEETING WITH BUSINESSMEN AT YESILYURT AIR FORCE SCHOOL, GENERAL ALPKAYA ADVOCATED NEED FOR END TO DELAY IN ESTABLISHMENT OF DOMESTIC AVIATION INDUSTRY. SPEAKING IN NAME OF BOTH TAF AND AIR FORCE FOUNDATION OFFICIALS WHO WERE ALSO PRESENT, ALPKAYA USED RATIONALE THAT "WORLD CONDITIONS" AND FACT THAT TURKEY COULD NOT DEPEND ON DECLINING FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED GREATER SELF-SUFFICIENCY TO MEET FUTURE SECURITY NEEDS. FAILURE TO INITIATE  
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AVIATION INDUSTRY NOW WOULD PROLONG TURKISH DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN

PURCHASES AND CREATE PROBLEMS RE FUTURE VIALIBITY OF TAF, HE SAID. ALLUDING TO EXISTING SCEPTICISM RE WISDOM OF SUCH AN EXTENSIVE ECONOMIC COMMITMENT, ALPKAYA STRESSED ADVANTAGES OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OVER OPEN-ENDED REQUIREMENT TO BUY AIRCRAFT WITH FOREIGN EXCHANGE, AND STATED THAT WITH "BALANCED DEVELOPMENT PLAN" INDUSTRY COULD BEGIN BY ASSEMBLING AIRCRAFT AND MANUFACTURING AIRCRAFT BODIES, AND GRADUALLY TAKE OVE MORE COMPLEX ASPECTS OF PRODUCTION. IN EARLIER INTERVIEW WITH MILLIYET REPORTER, ABDI IPEKCI, ALPKAYA HAD ALSO MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. TURKEY WOULD ESTABLISH AVIATION INDUSTRY (TUSAS) THROUGH LICENSING ARRANGEMENT WITH FOREIGN FIRM. EVENTUALLY 80 PERCENT OF AIRCRAFT WOULD BE DOMESTICALLY MANUFACTURED.

2. NORTHRUP, LOCKHEED, JAGUAR, HARRIER, AND LING-TEMCO-VOUGHT, HAD SUBMITTED TENDERS AND ALL HAD PLEDGED O UPDATE TURKISH-PRODUCED AIRCRAFT AS TECHNICAL ADVANCES MADE. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT TO BE BUILT WOULD BE CHOSEN BY TAF AND SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED WITH GOT AFTER TUSAS HAS BEEN ORGANIZED. IT WOULD BE TWO YEARS FROM THIS PINT IN TIME BEFORE PRODUCTION COULD BEGIN.

3. PRODUCTION COSTS WOULD DEPEND UPON CHOCE OF AIRCRAFT. FOR EXAMPLE, LOCKHEED'S OFFER, ALPKAYA SAID, ENTAILED CONSTRUCTION OF 200 F-104 AIRCRAFT OVER EIGHT-YEAR PERIOD. COST WOULD BE TL 10 BILLION (\$741 MILLION), INCLUDING NECESSARY CONSTRUCTION FACILITIES.

4. FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE AVIATION INDUSTRY WOULD BE OWNED BY TUSAS AND 45 PERCENT BY AIR FORCE FOUNDATION.

5. ALPKAYA STATED THAT CREATION AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY WAS PRIMARILY AIMED AT FILLING MILITARY NEEDS. IF RELATIVELY SIMPLE FIGHTER CHOSEN, CIVIL AIRCRAFT MIGHT ALSO BE PRODUCED, BUT IF MORE COMPLEX MODEL SELECTED - SUCH AS F-104 -CIVIL AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.

5. COMMENT: LATEST PUSH BY TUSAS SUPPORTERS APPEARS TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP FIGHTER PRODUCTION PROJECT ALIVE AND IN LIMELIGHT, RATHER THAN REFLECTION OF GOT ENTHUSIASM. PROPONENTS OF TUSAS  
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